

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:355
ANSWERED ON:07.04.2003
DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES
GADDE RAMAMOCHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have circulated certain criteria for assessment of requirement of foodgrains classifying the drought affected States under A & B categories;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government have received some suggestions for allocation of foodgrains for implementation of employment programmes under drought relief by the Government of Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

- (a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 355 DUE FOR REPLY ON 7TH APRIL, 2003.

(a)&(b): For allocation of food-grains to the drought affected States for relief employment for the drought of 2002-03, under the Special Component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) scheme, the States have been placed under Category 'A' (moderately affected) and category 'B' (severely affected). Rajasthan, which is the most severely drought affected State, has been placed under Special Category.

(c) to (e): The Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested for allocation of foodgrains @ 10 kgs. per person per day for two persons from each BPL family for 15 days in a month. The Task Force on Drought Management has, however, approved allocation to the State for coverage of one individual from 50% BPL rural households @ 5 kgs. per person per day for 10 days in a month. A total quantity of 16.15 lakh MTs. has been approved by the Task Force for allocation to the State upto June, 2003, for current drought.